



The Cutting EDGE

Pledge to EDGE Update

Nebraska City Community Leaders Launch a 2:1 Challenge!

Longtime EDGE Nebraska City supporters, Colin and Teresa Albers, and Kiel and Mimi VanderVeen have launched a 2:1 challenge grant to the community. These two generous families have committed \$1 for every \$2 donated to the **Pledge to EDGE Endowment**. A fully funded endowment will make certain that the vision of EDGE Nebraska City continues for the next generation, ensuring every child and family in the 68410 has an edge in life.

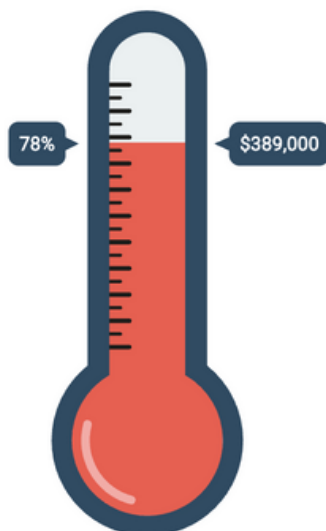
"We have been involved since the inception of EDGE, and both totally support its mission. It has been rewarding to witness the impact the programs have on children in our community. As EDGE continues to grow, so will the budget. Our hope is that this challenge will encourage more gifts that ultimately result in financial stability long after the current board members have retired. Your donations will help sustain current programs, as well as assist in increasing additional programming. Thank you in advance for your support. Together, we can give the Nebraska City community an EDGE that will keep on giving." - Colin and Teresa Albers

"We believe the outcomes EDGE aspires to reach are critical to ensure all children have the same or better experience as we have had – furthermore, the opportunity to make sure our community is thriving across all ages and demographics cant be ignored." - Kiel & Mimi VanderVeen



Ready for the challenge? email us at edgenebcity@gmail.com

GOAL: \$500,000



EDGE Nebraska City is focused on seeing declining poverty rates in our community by the year 2036 and we know it will take a strong infrastructure to reach that goal. The **Pledge to EDGE Endowment** will help us secure a bright future for our community.

Now is the time to become part of this important work! You can learn more [here](http://edgenebraskacity.com) (edgenebraskacity.com) or contact us at edgenebcity@gmail.com or 402-209-1608

A Pledge to EDGE gift is an investment in the future of Nebraska City.

Pledge to EDGE Endowment Team Members:

Kiel VanderVeen, Colin and Teresa Albers, Michelle Shanholtz, Stacie Higgins and Doug Friedli.



Celebrating the 68410 at Sampling in the City

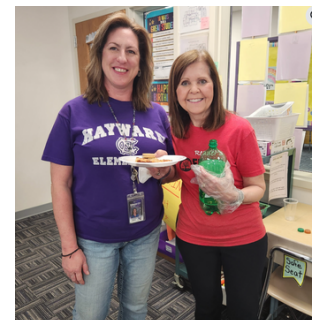
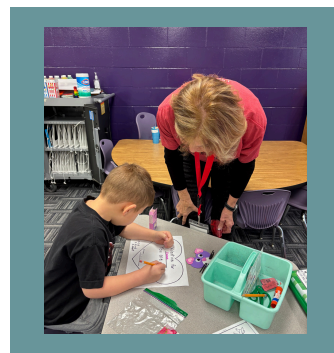
March 8 was a great night of celebrating the 68410 with our community! The Sampling in the City event was once again a huge success due to the hard work of co-chairs Stephanie Farmer, Abbee James, and Michelle Shanholtz.

Eleven Chef Stations provided outstanding food, including everything from wings to cupcakes, sliders to meatloaf, and plantains to capriccio. The annual Laurence DuBois Top Chef Award went to the First Lutheran Foodies (Gerry Brezenski & Joel Wichman) for their Smoked Meatloaf with Smoked Mac & Cheese.

The highlight of the evening was hearing from 3 elementary students and their EDGE volunteer. They shared with the audience about their EDGE experience, including their favorite Audience members learned more about programs, heard why EDGE matters and were inspired to continue supporting the 68410. Generous donors throughout the evening raised over \$77,000 to advance the work of EDGE.



A BUSY SPRING FOR EDGE!



EDGE Nebraska City

Our Vision is to see declining poverty rates in our community by 2036.

Our mission is to give kids and families an EDGE by engaging with our community, helping kids and families discover the power of literacy, grow the hopes and dreams of the community and create opportunities for all kids and families to embark on a path to success.

And it all starts with a book.

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